



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 15-014: MCKERNAN HATCHERY CULVERT REMOVAL

**Description of Proposal:**

Weaver Creek flows through the WDFW McKernan Hatchery, where it is used near the hatchery entrance as an in-line rearing pond. The rearing pond is 28 to 30 feet wide with a weir at the downstream end and 2 screened culverts at the upstream end that are frequently backwatered.

The two damaged 4 foot x 42 foot CMP screened culverts are located within 30 foot wide ponded area. These culverts will be removed and replaced with a 42 foot x 12 foot wide bridge, with a new removable screen system used to contain juvenile fish during rearing.

The new screen system includes a poured slab, steel walkway, screen frame, and removable screens. When fish are not being reared, the screens are removable and the rearing pond will become an open 28-30 foot wide channel and fish passable.

The bridge is supported by precast spread footings. The existing ecology block walls of the pond will be extended through the footprint of the bridge and used as the bridge abutments. Stream bed material will be placed within Ordinary High Water (OHW) in the new in-stream channel.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW McKernan Hatchery, off Hwy 101 northwest of Shelton, Mason County, Washington: Township 21N, Range 4W, Section 16.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 18, 2015**.

**Method of Comment:** The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official

SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 4, 2015

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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